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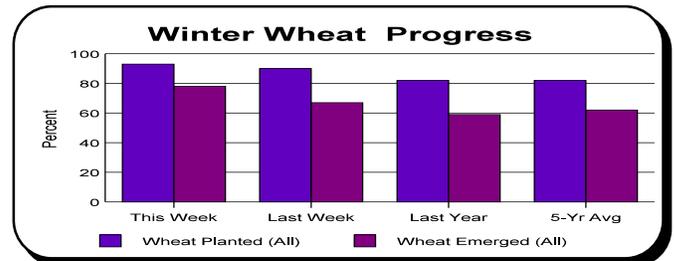
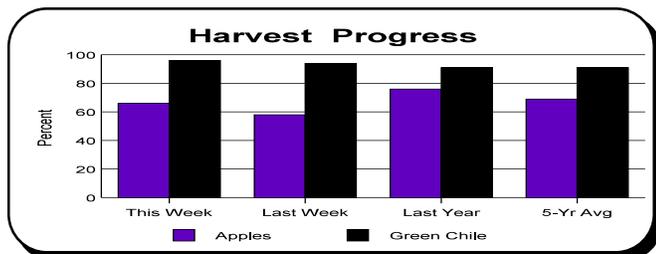
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2004

NEW MEXICO: There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Farmers continued to cut alfalfa and began harvest of corn, pumpkins and vegetables. Alfalfa was reported as 2% very poor, 4% poor, 26% fair, 57% good and 11% excellent as cutting slowed due to the rains. The 6th cutting was 62% complete and the 7th was 17% complete. Cotton conditions declined slightly and were reported in poor to excellent condition. Bolls opening were reported at 65%, well behind last year. Corn was reported in fair to excellent condition with 92% of the crop matured and harvest underway. Corn silage harvest neared completion. Sorghum conditions were in mostly fair to good condition with 65% of the crop reported coloring, and 9% mature. Peanut harvest was delayed due to the rain with conditions reported as 39% fair, and 61% good. Pecans were reported in fair to excellent condition. Fall lettuce conditions were reported as 40% good and 60% excellent. Wheat conditions were reported in fair to excellent condition as planting neared completion and 78% of the crop emerged. Ranchers were weaning calves and lambs as recent rains have helped native pastures entering the fall and winter months. Cattle conditions were reported as 5% poor, 26% fair, 59% good and 10% excellent. Sheep conditions were at 37% fair, 54% good and 9% excellent. Pasture conditions were reported at 6% very poor, 15% poor, 33% fair, 40% good, and 6% excellent.

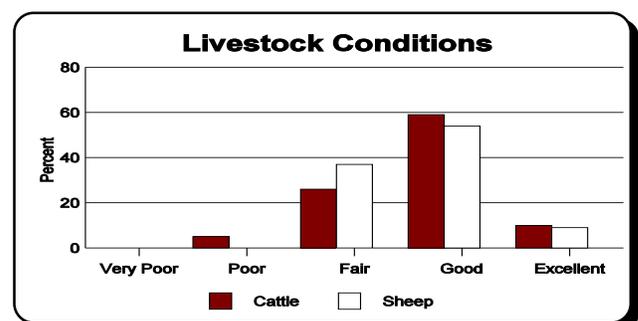
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvested	66	58	76	69
CHILE	Harvested-Green	96	94	91	91
	Harvested-Red	6	3	11	21
CORN	Mature	92	75	96	88
COTTON	Opening Bolls	65	60	81	82
SORGHUM (All)	Coloring	65	60	82	86
WHEAT (All)	Emerged	78	67	59	62



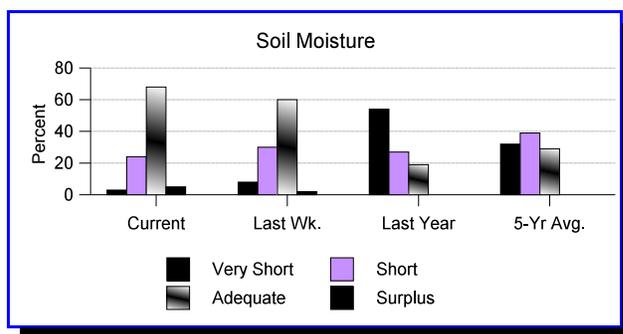
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	4	26	57	11
Chile	--	2	21	42	35
Corn	--	--	13	55	32
Cotton	--	10	43	31	16
Lettuce	--	--	--	40	60
Peanuts	--	--	39	61	--
Pecans	--	--	17	43	40
Sorghum(All)	--	8	56	30	6
Wheat (All)	--	3	36	58	3
Cattle	--	5	26	59	10
Sheep	--	--	37	54	9
Range/Pasture	6	15	33	40	6



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	10	10	80	--
Northeast	--	23	75	2
Southwest	11	89	--	--
Southeast	--	8	80	12
State Current	3	24	68	5
State-Last Wk.	8	30	60	2
State-Last Year	54	27	19	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	39	29	--



WEATHER SUMMARY

A couple of weak cold fronts and a slow-moving storm system produced fairly widespread showers and thunderstorms over New Mexico during the week. Some of the stronger storms produced hail, gusty wind and localized flash flooding, especially over the southern sections of the state. Tatum (3.69") measured the greatest amount of rainfall, while Carlsbad, Clovis, Roswell, Alamogordo and Red River all collected over an inch of rain. Temperatures for the week were generally a little below normal statewide.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2004

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	09/27 10/03	10/01 10/03	Normal Oct	01/01 10/03	Normal Jan-Oct
Carlsbad	60.4	81	5	1.26	0.01	1.05	16.22	11.79
Tatum	60.2	78	49	3.69	0.47	1.49	28.30	15.02
Roswell	61.3	78	50	1.66	0.00	1.19	16.82	11.83
Clayton	58.4	77	40	0.01	0.00	0.90	24.04	14.28
Clovis	60.8	77	44	1.32	0.00	1.34	17.98	16.24
Roy	54.8	71	38	0.23	0.00	1.05	16.72	14.79
Tucumcari	60.3	77	45	0.57	0.02	0.94	16.20	13.39
Chama	47.6	70	28	0.70	0.09	1.96	12.84	18.09
Johnson Ranch	51.7	75	32	0.00	0.00	1.11	10.62	10.16
Capulin	53.3	68	38	0.22	0.04	0.97	20.83	16.27
Las Vegas	52.8	69	37	0.07	0.03	1.51	17.68	17.78
Los Alamos	51.6	68	36	0.54	0.07	1.32	14.03	16.62
Raton	54.1	73	33	0.01	0.00	0.97	23.01	15.61
Santa Fe	54.9	72	39	0.16	0.00	1.04	8.59	12.58
Red River	44.5	64	27	1.05	0.13	1.46	18.45	18.15
Farmington	58.4	79	39	0.87	0.02	0.85	6.87	7.18
Gallup	53.3	76	33	0.57	0.00	1.29	5.58	10.96
Grants	53.6	79	29	0.23	0.00	1.05	7.37	9.56
Silver City	57.1	75	42	0.52	0.00	1.16	19.55	14.02
Quemado	47.3	74	28	0.08	0.01	1.18	8.64	12.59
Albuquerque	61.7	76	43	T	0.00	0.89	9.00	7.95
Carrizozo	57.6	73	41	0.62	0.00	1.19	8.76	11.31
Gran Quivera	55.2	73	40	0.11	0.00	1.27	12.25	14.01
Moriarty	53.1	74	30	0.00	0.00	1.10	10.55	11.77
Ruidoso	52.4	71	36	0.55	0.00	1.31	18.60	18.84
Socorro	--	--	--	0.00	0.00	1.11	7.21	8.48
Alamogordo	63.4	76	51	1.21	0.00	1.30	8.76	11.21
Animas	66.2	87	48	0.01	0.00	1.15	11.37	9.91
Deming	64.9	83	48	0.12	0.00	0.98	8.52	9.09
T or C	63.1	78	49	0.34	0.00	0.95	6.47	8.62
Las Cruces	66.2	80	53	0.89	0.00	0.91	10.18	8.19

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Prices received in New Mexico for September for Alfalfa were \$118.00 per ton, down from the previous month's price of \$120.00. Prices for All Hay for the month were \$115.00 per ton, also a drop of \$2.00 from the price of \$117.00 received in August. Cow prices declined by \$4.10 to \$54.50 per hundredweight, but still came in higher than the national average of \$52.80. Steer and heifer prices decreased by 2.6% to \$111.00 per hundredweight but were 24% higher than the national average of \$89.80. Calf prices decreased to \$126.00 per hundredweight, \$3.00 less than the national average price of \$129.00 per hundredweight. The September mid-month price for milk was \$14.90 per hundredweight, \$0.20 below the national average price of \$15.10.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, August 2004 and September 2003-04

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Sept. 2003 ^{1/}	Aug. 2004 ^{2/}	Sept. 2004 ^{1/}	Sept.
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	3.38
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	.472
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.21
Hay, all baled	Ton	137.00	117.00	115.00	87.70
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	140.00	120.00	118.00	95.50
Peanuts	Lb.				^{3/}
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.13
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	3.50
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{4/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	38.50
Lambs ^{4/}	Cwt.	-	-	-	97.80
Cows	Cwt.	46.20	58.60	54.50	52.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	92.80	114.00	111.00	89.80
Calves	Cwt.	107.00	131.00	126.00	129.00
Milk	Cwt.	14.00	14.00	14.90	15.10

^{1/} Mid-month. ^{2/} Entire month. ^{3/} Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ^{4/} August - Entire Month.

WINTER WHEAT

NEW MEXICO: The 2004 winter wheat production is estimated at 7.8 million bushels, an 86% increase over last year's production. Planted acreage from 2003 dropped to 490,000 acres but harvested acreage, estimated at 300,000 acres was 160,000 acres over the 2003 level of 140,000 acres. The increase in harvested acreage is attributed to significant rainfalls in August allowing for the early planting of dryland wheat. The average yield per acre for the state is 30.0 bushels per acre compared to last year's final yield of 26.0 bushels per acre.

UNITED STATES: The 2004 winter wheat production is estimated at 1.50 billion bushels. This is up nearly 1 percent from the August forecast but 13 percent below last year's crop. The U.S. yield is 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from August but 3.2 bushels below last year's final yield. Acreage for grain is estimated at 34.5 million acres, 6 percent below 2003. Planted area is 43.4 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Winter Wheat: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2003-2004

Crop	Area Planted ^{1/}		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
-----1,000 Acres-----					-----1,000 Bushels-----			
AZ	150	120	75	60	42.0	48.0	3,150	2,880
AR	700	670	570	620	50.0	53.0	28,500	32,860
CO	2,600	2,300	2,200	1,700	35.0	27.0	77,000	45,900
KS	10,500	10,000	10,000	8,500	48.0	37.0	480,000	314,500
MO	960	1,050	870	930	61.0	52.0	53,070	48,360
MT	1,900	1,900	1,820	1,630	37.0	41.0	67,340	66,830
NE	1,900	1,850	1,820	1,650	46.0	37.0	83,720	61,050
NM	500	490	140	300	30.0	26.0	4,200	7,800
OH	1,060	920	1,000	890	68.0	62.0	68,000	55,180
OK	6,700	6,200	4,600	4,700	39.0	35.0	179,400	164,500
SD	1,650	1,650	1,430	1,250	43.0	45.0	61,490	56,250
TX	6,600	6,300	3,450	3,500	28.0	31.0	96,600	108,500
UT	160	130	125	120	41.0	43.0	5,125	5,160
WA	1,850	1,800	1,800	1,750	65.0	67.0	117,000	117,250
WY	160	150	145	135	27.0	26.0	3,915	3,510
All Other States	7,994	7,820	6,708	6,727	57.9	60.8	388,211	408,904
U.S.	45,384	43,350	36,753	34,462	46.7	43.5	1,716,721	1,499,434

^{1/} Includes area planted in preceding fall.

GRAIN STOCKS

Old **crop** corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 958 million bushels, down 12 percent from September 1, 2003. Of the total stocks, 438 million bushels are stored on farms, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 520 million bushels, are down 14 percent from the previous year. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 2.01 billion bushels, compared with 1.90 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 1.94 billion bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 796 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 769 million bushels, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop **grain sorghum** stored in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 33.6 million bushels, down 22 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 3.70 million bushels, are down 18 percent from September 1 last year. Off-farm stocks, at 29.9 million bushels, are down 23 percent from a year earlier. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance from all positions is 47.0 million bushels, up from 38.9 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

U.S. Grain Stocks, By Position and Month 2003-2004

Date	2003			2004		
	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions
	-----1,000 Bushels-----					
	CORN					
Mar 1	2,940,000	2,191,873	5,131,873	3,030,000	2,241,459	5,271,459
Jun 1	1,620,200	1,364,718	2,984,918	1,540,000	1,430,140	29,701,140
Sep 1	484,900	601,773	1,086,673	438,000	519,672	957,672
Dec 1	5,286,000	2,667,775	7,953,775			
	SORGHUM					
Mar 1	27,500	135,423	162,923	21,000	137,652	158,652
Jun 1	11,150	70,744	81,894	7,650	72,944	80,594
Sep 1	4,500	38,530	43,030	3,700	29,855	33,555
Dec 1	45,200	190,736	235,936			
	ALL WHEAT					
Mar 1	236,300	670,333	906,633	257,890	762,727	1,020,617
Jun 1	132,110	359,306	491,416	131,880	414,939	546,819
Sep 1	687,320	1,351,652	2,038,972	795,600	1,146,115	1,941,715
Dec 1	491,925	1,028,359	1,520,284			

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.